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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.
The May returns of the department of agriculture show a decline from the April condition of wheat of 1.2 points. The average in Missouri is 54; in Kansas, 78.

THE secretary of the treasury was informed of the arrival of 272 Chinese at San Francisco on the 11th to take part in the Nashville exposition. Of this number only 21 are needed to comply with the terms of the contracts entered into by the exposition company and the remainder will be returned to China.

THE annual meeting of the supreme council of the American Protective association began at Washington on the 11th, Supreme President John Echols in the chair.

THE fourth volume of "The Messages and Papers of the Presidents" is ready to be issued from the government printing office. It presents the history of our government from 1841 to 1849.

IN response to the urgent request of the director-general of the Nashville exposition, the secretary of the treasury has decided to admit for exhibition purposes the 261 Chinamen recently arrived at San Francisco and the 64 at Tacoma, but under no circumstances will any additional permits to enter be granted.

CONSUL-GENERAL LEE has made a report to the state department descriptive of the general situation in Cuba which is said to be so very startling in its character that President McKinley is reluctant to make it public, fearing it effect upon the tariff question.

A WASHINGTON dispatch stated that the heads of departments were seriously embarrassed by the number of old soldiers presenting themselves for reinstatement in positions, from which they had been removed by the previous administration, being incapacitated for properly performing their duties on account of feebleness and other causes.

THE president on the 12th nominated Brig.-Gen. James W. Forsyth to be major-general.

THE movement to secure the adoption of a universal postage stamp by the postal congress at Washington has collapsed. There were too many difficulties (the chief being that of currency fluctuations) in the way of adopting such a stamp, and the general committee, after considering the subject, abandoned it as impracticable.

THE supreme council of the American Protective association elected at Washington on the 13th the following officers for the ensuing year: President, John W. Echols, of Atlanta, Ga.; secretary of state, Harry C. Sawyer, Pennsylvania; supreme secretary, William J. Palmer, Colorado; supreme treasurer, C. J. Stockman, Maryland.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has under earnest consideration the advisability of sending a message to congress on the Cuban question, but has not yet come to a decision in the matter. The message, if it goes in, will be entirely pacific in terms, and it can be stated on good authority will not be of a warlike or sensational tenor.

THE returns received by the immigration bureau during the last few months show a marked falling off in the number of immigrant arrivals in this country. Commissioner-General Stump estimates that the decrease for the entire country during the fiscal year ending June 30 next will not be less than 95,000, of which New York will show 70,000.

GENERAL NEWS.
THE Sidney (Ill.) grange passed resolutions declaring that the United States should stop the inhuman warfare raging in Cuba and appealing to all farmers' organizations to pass similar resolutions.

THE baseball game between the Milwaukee and Kansas City clubs, of the Western league, on the 14th at Kansas City, Mo., ended in a small riot, and had it not been for the police Umpire Graves would have been roughly handled. The game was won by the Milwaukee club at the last minute and a close decision by the umpire in Milwaukee's favor was the cause of the trouble. The umpire's decision was acknowledged to be right afterwards by the Kansas City club.

TWO children of John W. Welch, aged eight and six years, were burned to death at Maybee, Mich. They played with matches in an old barn.

THE annual show of pet dogs and cats, under the auspices of the Woman's Humane society, opened at St. Louis on the 13th with several hundred entries, some of them being the choicest pets owned by prominent society people.

STELLA, Neb., was almost totally destroyed by fire on the 13th. The loss was about \$50,000.

FREDERICK W. HOELLMAN held a dress rehearsal on the 13th and was photographed on the gallows at Paxton, Ill., upon which he is to be hanged. He hoped to sell enough of the pictures to pay for sending his body to Grand Haven, Mich., and have it buried beside the remains of his wife. After being photographed Hoellman rehearsed the speech which he had prepared for the gallows.

TWO boys, named Edward Nolen and Harry Kistler, of Logansport, Ind., were seated at dinner at the farm of their uncle when lightning struck the place, splitting Nolen's head open, so that he cannot live, and injuring the brain of Kistler so that he will probably be a maniac for the rest of his life.

THE fourth international congress of Christian scientists began at St. Louis on the 11th. Rev. D. L. Sullivan, of St. Louis, delivered an address of welcome and the chair was occupied by Mrs. M. E. Cromer, President Danick being unable to be present. Mary Whitney Deansmore gave an address on the Christ phase of consciousness.

NINETY earthquake shocks were felt in South Australia during the three days preceding the 14th. The disturbances were particularly severe at Kingston, where the buildings were damaged and some of the inhabitants have taken to living in tents for safety.

IN June a large party of farmers from Marshall county, Ky., will emigrate to New Madrid, Stoddard and Dunklin counties, Mo.

FIRE broke out in the courthouse at Lexington, Ky., on the 14th and in an hour nothing remained but walls. Hart's beautiful statue, "Woman Triumphant," bought by Lexington women for \$5,000, was in the rotunda and was destroyed. The records were saved. The courthouse was built ten years ago at a cost of \$130,000.

STEPHEN R. MALLORY was elected United States senator at Tallahassee, Fla., on the 14th on the 25th ballot. The new senator is the son of the late Stephen R. Mallory, who was elected United States senator from Florida in 1851 and resigned in 1861, on the secession of his state.

A TERRIBLE railway disaster befell a Russian military train on the Valke Jurjev line. Sixteen cars were smashed. Two officers and nearly 100 soldiers were killed and 60 others were seriously injured.

EMILE CHARLOTTE LANGTRY, known throughout two hemispheres as the "Jersey Lily," ex-English professional beauty and actress, has secured a divorce from her English husband, Edward Langtry, in the Lake county, Cal., court, on the ground of desertion.

A DISPATCH on the 13th stated that rains for 36 hours had again flooded Middleboro, Ky., and thousands of acres of growing corn were under water.

A THIRD negro was reported to have been lynched near Jeff, Ala., the other night for being implicated in the wholesale poisoning of the Kelly family.

LAUGHHEAD & MADESETTE's planing mill at Uniontown, Pa., was burned recently. Loss, \$55,000; insurance, \$25,000.

FIRE broke out in the anti-trust strawboard and paper mill at Tama City, Ia., and the portion of the mills known as the straw cutting and beating rooms was destroyed. Over 100 men were thrown out of employment.

THE tenth annual meeting of the Funeral Directors' association of Missouri was held at St. Louis. The president of the association said that their efforts were to bring the funeral to as near a stage of absolute simplicity as possible.

FIRE destroyed the post office, hotel, telephone office and several other buildings in the little village of Marshland, Wis.

FIRE destroyed the Spring Mountain coal breaker at Jeansville, Pa., and 500 men and boys were thrown out of work.

THE ambassadors of the powers presented a collective memorandum to the Turkish government on the 12th proposing an armistice between Turkey and Greece on the basis of the negotiations for peace in progress through the powers.

A CONSTANT left Jackson, La., for Clinton, La., having in custody a negro named Charles Jackson, charged with attempting to wreck a train, when he was surrounded by an armed body of men and the prisoner taken away. The next day the negro was found dangling from a tree.

RICHARD FLICK, Guy Flick and John Burns were arrested at Deadwood, S. D., by Special Officer Wilson, of the secret service of the United States, charged with mutilating gold coin. For the past month that city has been flooded with light-weight gold coins, some of the \$20 gold pieces being short from \$1 to \$5.

EARTHQUAKES occurred recently in the Leeward islands, in the West Indies, killing many colored people by burying them in the ruins of their houses. In a brick church the congregation was caught by the collapse of the walls and 50 were crushed to death.

TYPHOON II. won the Kentucky Derby at Louisville on the 12th, Ornament, the favorite, taking second place, and Dr. Catlett finishing third.

RAIN fell in torrents during the night of the 11th at Parkersburg, W. Va., and no trains were run on the B. & O. railroad, owing to the bridges being washed away at Cairo.

WHILE boating on the lake at Chicago Matthew Roche and his little nephew, Harry Flynn, attempted to exchange seats and the boat capsized and the boy was drowned. Albert Mattarl, who was in the crowd at the water's edge, suddenly pitched forward dead, owing to excitement in watching the drowning boy's struggles.

GREEK has formally consented to abandon Crete, to recognize the plan of autonomy for the island arranged by the powers and has accepted the offer of mediation of the powers for the settlement of the complication with Turkey.

THE Mississippi Valley Cottonwood association, in session at St. Louis, decided to advance the price of all grades of cottonwood lumber \$2 per 1,000 feet, owing to the destruction of cottonwood the lower Mississippi floods had caused.

A DECREE from Pope Leo condemning the cremation of bodies is anticipated in Catholic circles. It is said that the church will forbid the cremation on pain of excommunication.

A FIRE at Quincy, Ill., destroyed the J. R. Dayton Tablet Co.'s plant, the Valke-Jones and the McMein job printing offices and the Brumbaugh book store. Loss, \$110,000.

MRS. ELIZABETH BALLIOTT and her two daughters were bound and terribly tortured by robbers at New Philadelphia, O., to make them disclose the hiding place of their money. The robbers secured \$75 and have not been captured.

THE Dutch steamer Firdene and the Norwegian bark Rodvar collided and foundered near the island of Heligoland and only 13 of the two crews were saved, the drowned being largely in excess of that number.

FRANK BARZ, his two sons and a brother met their death by asphyxiation while digging a well on their farm at Redfield, S. D.

FRED HOELLMAN was hanged at Paxton, Ill., on the 14th for the murder of Mrs. Weibke Geddes.

THE westbound Southern Pacific passenger train was held up by masked men 250 miles west of San Antonio, Tex., on the 14th and the two safes in the express car were dynamited and the contents secured. The amount secured was thought to be about \$10,000. The express car was badly wrecked.

THREE negroes, who had been confined in the jail at Rosebud, Tex., on a charge of attempting to assault a white girl, were taken from the officers of the law, who were taking the negroes to another place for safety, and hanged to a tree by a mob of 1,000 masked men.

BRADSTREET'S agency reported 331 business failures throughout the United States for the week ended the 14th, against 365 in the corresponding week a year ago.

A PITTSBURGH, Pa., dispatch of the 14th stated that manufacturers of wire nails, wire and rods were about to form a grand combination to control the market for all three products. The policy outlined will only include a moderate advance in price of each product. If the new combination is a go, it will practically drive out all competition in the manufacture of wire nails.

THEODORE DURRANT, under death sentence for the Emanuel Baptist church murders, through his attorneys, asked Gov. Budd on the 14th to pardon him on the ground that the real murderer of Blanche Lamont had at last confessed his crime. John Rosenberg, a convict in San Quentin prison, has made a sworn confession that he killed Blanche Lamont at San Francisco at the instigation of a stranger and in consideration of the payment of \$700 for his work.

THE new tippie or ore dump at the mines at Pinckney, Tenn., 60 feet high, fell and killed ten white men and boys outright and seriously wounded several others. The dump was a new one and had been tested.

AN Omaha dispatch stated that the Nebraska grand lodge Ancient Order of United Workmen has exonerated Supreme Master Workman Tate from charges of malfeasance in office, preferred by his local lodge.

A SAWMILL boiler exploded on Reel's river near Tiptonville, Ky., killing Ed Patterson and Dink Hodges, white, and two colored men, whose names could not be learned. Three other men will die.

A NORTHERN cattle train jumped the track a mile north of Enfield, I. T., on the 13th, the engine turning bottom up and ten cars of cattle being derailed. Four men were injured and a colored boy killed. There were probably 50 head of cattle killed and others so badly hurt that they had to be killed.

THERE was perfect fusion of the silver forces of Iowa at the meeting at Des Moines of the democratic, populist and silver republican committees and June 2 was chosen as the date for holding three separate conventions to nominate a full state ticket.

A REPORT reached Guthrie, Ok., from Lincoln county that two traveling men attempted to ford the Deep Fork river and were carried down in the swollen current and drowned.

RICHARD COKE, ex-United States senator, died at Waco, Tex., on the 13th.

A DISPATCH from Auxerre, France, the center of the wine-growing district, says a general frost on the 13th destroyed crops and vines, fruits and vegetables to the amount of \$4,000,000. The inhabitants were in consternation.

ELMER CLAWSON was hanged in the county jail at Somerville, N. J., on the 12th for the murder of Harry Hodgett, a farmer. The victim was shot because he refused to re-employ Clawson, which caused a quarrel.

AT daybreak on the 12th the bodies of Mollie Smith and Amanda Franks, two negro girls, were found hanging on trees on the side of the road leading from Jeff, Ala., to Huntsville, Tenn. They had been lynched during the night. The girls were suspected of poisoning the family of Joseph O'Kelly at Jeff. Amanda Franks is said to have made a confession.

SAN FRANCISCO had a fire on the night of the 11th. The fire started at Patrick & Co., was destroyed, entailing a loss of over \$400,000, with insurance of \$265,000. Almost simultaneously five tenement houses were burned and the inmates barely escaped with their lives. Another blaze destroyed four cottages and a grocery store was wrecked by an explosion of gas.

THE steamship Tentonic arrived at New York on the 12th with another batch of young women from Ireland.

MR. BOOTH-TUCKER, commander of the Salvation army, was indicted by the grand jury at New York on the 12th for maintaining a nuisance and disturbing the peace at the barracks of the army on West Fourteenth street. The offense is a misdemeanor, punishable with fine or imprisonment or both.

THE tea importers at New York have not waited for the passage of the tariff bill, with its proposed duty of ten cents a pound upon that commodity, but have advanced all grades of tea from three to five cents a pound.

WHILE an ice cream festival was in progress at a church at Longstrath, O., a drunken man entered and raised a disturbance. Upon being ordered to leave he pulled his revolver and fatally shot two men and then escaped. A posse was after him to lynch him.

THE four-year-old daughter of John L. Kersey, of Fairview, Ok., was burned to death by her clothes catching fire.

FARMS near Warren, Ark., have been invaded by millions of grasshoppers, who have eaten the crops and done other damage. Much alarm exists in the community.

THREE more persons died at Pikeville, Ky., on the 13th from drinking poisoned spring water and three others were reported ill from the same cause. No clue has been obtained as to who put the poison in the spring.

THE fourth annual convention of the National Association of Chiefs of Police of the United States and Canada opened at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 11th with about 200 delegates, representing nearly every large city in the country.

AFTER THE FESTIVAL

Then Will the Sultan Talk to the Powers.

HIS ANSWER IS EXCEEDINGLY COOL

Would be Ready to Discuss Matters After the Great Bazaar Festival which Ends on Sunday Night.—The Latest.

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LONDON, May 17.—The sultan's reply to the note of the ambassadors at Constantinople, offering mediation, saying he would be ready to discuss the matter after the great Bazaar festival, which ends on Sunday night, justifies the fear that the powers have drawn gently out of the war that will not be easy to get back Abdul Hamid's answer is cool almost to the point of insolence. It is that of a sovereign with a powerful army behind him and he is disposed to treat the powers cavalierly.

Articles published in the semi-official press of the continent show that the increase in the prestige of the sultan is the chief concern of the European cabinets, and that the prospects of an effective enforcement of general reforms for the Turkish empire are thereby relegated to the very distant future.

The Journal Des Debats declares that the result of the war has been to place Turkey in a position she has not held for the past half century, adding:

"Her tremendous military effort is largely in excess of what the struggle against Greece required. It was done to refute the allegation of decrepitude, and to demonstrate to the sultan's own subjects and to those of the smaller states and to the great powers that Turkey is able to hold her own against other dangers than a war with Greece."

The British, Russian and Australian newspapers echo these remarks, and it is generally felt that this fact will have to be reckoned within the negotiations upon the conditions of peace.

In Constantinople, the postponement of the sultan's reply until after the great Bazaar festival is interpreted as meaning that his majesty intends that his army shall continue its victorious advance until every strategic point on the Othrys mountain range is in the hands of the Turks, and that only then will Edhem Pasha receive orders to stop fighting.

The resumption of fighting by the Greeks in Epirus is regarded as a foolish move, and only furnishes Turkey with a plausible motive for refusing an armistice. It also hinders the progress of the peace negotiations.

The chancellors are also occupied with the difficult problem of how Greece will pay the war indemnity which Turkey seems certain to demand. M. Delanyannis, the former Greek premier, in his newspaper, sanguinely argues that Greece cannot be expected to pay an indemnity, because the Turks "declared war officially without provocation."

This view of the question is not shared elsewhere, and an international commission to administer the finances of Greece on the lines of the similar Turkish commission is mooted. The Greek commission would, it is proposed, sit at Athens and take over the Greek customs for the purpose of paying the Greek debt, and possibly for the war indemnity.

PREVEZA SURRENDERS.
Athens, May 17.—A private dispatch from Arta just received here says that the Turkish garrison at Preveza, at the northern entrance of the Gulf of Arta, which has been besieged by the Greek land and sea forces almost from the outbreak of the war, has sent the Greek archbishop and five notabilities of Preveza to the commander of the besieging Greek army with a message saying that the Turkish force is ready to capitulate to the regular forces of Greece.

LOSSES AT PHILIPPADIA.
London, May 17.—A dispatch to the Sunday Times from Athens says: In Friday's battle at Philippadia, fifty men were killed and twenty-eight officers wounded.

BOMBARDING NIKOPOLIS.
Athens, May 17.—The Greeks have been bombarding Nikopolis since early this morning.

THE GRECIAN HORSE LAUGH.
Athens, May 17.—The aldes to the crown prince, recalled from Thessaly, upon their arrival at Piraeus were received with ironical cheers.

THE PORTE DENIES.
Constantinople, May 17.—The Turkish government declares that there is no truth in the report that 4,000 Macedonian insurgents have captured a pass forming a part of the principal line of communication of the Turkish army, and that they are advancing towards Ellassona and are preparing to unite their forces with the bands under Davell, Zermas and other Macedonian chiefs. According to the Porte all these statements are absolutely without foundation.

WEEK'S EXPORTS AND IMPORTS
Gold, Silver and Merchandise to and from the Port of New York.

New York, May 17.—The exports of specie from the port of New York for the week amounted to \$2,560,150 in gold, and \$899,000 in silver. The imports were: Gold \$71,444; silver \$64,465; dry goods \$3,297,165; general merchandise \$3,761,529.

New York, May 15.—Exports of gold and silver from this port for the week ending today amount to \$899,000 in silver bars and coin, and \$2,560,234 in gold, a total of \$3,759,234, against \$5,579,579 the same week last year.

Since January 1, gold exports aggregated \$12,962,746, against \$28,053,938 in the same period last year.

Specie imports during the week amount to \$71,946 in gold, and \$64,465 in silver, a total of \$136,411, against \$4,467 in the corresponding week of last year.

Dry goods and merchandise to the aggregate value of \$12,058,694 were entered at this port during the past week, against \$18,332,019 the week before and \$3,974,506 the corresponding week of last year.

A NEW KANSAS RAILROAD.

The Kansas City, Northeastern & Gulf Railway Co. Incorporated.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., May 14.—A new railway company has been organized in this state to participate in the transportation of Kansas products to the gulf. The corporation will be known as the Kansas City, Northeastern & Gulf Railway Co., and will have its terminals in this city and some point on deep water in the south. The company filed articles of incorporation yesterday. It has a capital stock amounting to \$1,000,000. Headquarters of the corporation will be in this city, and a branch of the road will run from this place through Wyandotte county, crossing the Missouri river at Quindaro ferry, and traversing several Missouri counties. The main line will extend from Kansas City, Kan., southward along the Kansas border, passing through the counties of Johnson, Douglas, Franklin, Miami, Anderson, Linn, Allen, Bourbon, Neosho, Crawford, Labette, Cherokee, Osage, Coffey, Woodson, Wilson, Montgomery, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Lyon, Chase, Butler, Cowley and Sumner. After leaving Kansas, it will traverse Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, terminating at the Gulf of Mexico.

KANSAS ASYLUM MANAGERS.

Superintendents for the Topeka and Kansas City Institutions Named—Good Place for Hart.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 15.—The trustees of the state board of charitable institutions elected W. H. Toothaker, of Wyandotte county, as superintendent of the asylum for the blind and A. A. Stewart, of Riley county, as superintendent of the asylum for the deaf and dumb. The latter gets his old position from which he was removed by the republican board two years ago. J. M. Hart, of Shawnee county, will be chosen superintendent of the reform school.

Kansas Eastern Star Officers.

EMPORIA, Kan., May 15.—The grand chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in session here, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. Della Bennett, Hutchinson, grand matron; Ed Hayes, Wellington, grand patron; Mrs. Libbie B. Towner, Kansas City, associate grand matron, and Albert Sarchbach, Holton, associate grand patron; Jessie Pearsall, Fort Scott, treasurer; Myra Mottram, Ottawa, secretary; Ella Wheeler, Norton, conductor; Belle C. Harris, Emporia, associate conductress. The 1898 meeting will be held at Topeka. Mrs. Rosa L. Harris, grand matron of Missouri O. E. S., was made an honorary member of the Kansas grand chapter.

Growth of Kansas Normal School.

EMPORIA, Kan., May 14.—The proofs for the catalogue of the Kansas state normal school for 1896-'97 are being read. They show that during the last year there were enrolled 1,801 students, an increase of 66 over last year. Commencement week opens June 5, commencement day being June 10. The graduating class numbers 104. Miss Sallie W. Stewart will speak the salutatory and C. E. Knebel the valedictory. Nearly 90 counties of Kansas are represented by pupils in the school, and 14 states and territories, Missouri leading all except Kansas.

Think Rates Will Be Reduced.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 15.—The hearing of the freight rate case before the state board of railroad commissioners will be held in representative hall, May 27. The president of the board, W. P. Dillard, believes an amicable adjustment will be arrived at. Both he and William Campbell, the author of the old maximum freight rate bill, say they have had talks with railroad men that were most encouraging to a reduction of rates to the gulf at least.

Kansas Doctors May Unite.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 15.—The Kansas Medical association elected the following officers for the year: President, Dr. C. A. McGuire; secretary, Dr. W. E. McVey; treasurer, Dr. L. Reynolds. Probably the most important matter to come before the session was the adoption of a resolution in favor of the holding of a joint convention of the "regulars," homeopaths and eclectics next year.

After Breidenbach's Place.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 15.—The prospective resignation of John W. Breidenbach, chairman of the populist state central committee, has caused much speculation as to his successor, and a number of candidates have appeared. They are: Grant Harrington, P. H. Dolan, W. L. Brown, Charles A. Taylor, Taylor Riddle, J. M. Allen, W. T. Tipton and D. E. Ballard.

Canker Worms at Work.

LAWRENCE, Kan., May 15.—The fruit and shade trees in this vicinity are being stripped of their foliage by the ravages of the canker worm. Chancellor Snow, of Kansas university, says the worm is common in the east, and that its work of damage has just commenced in eastern Kansas. He recommends Paris green or London purple as a spray to destroy the pest.

Kansas Reunion Dates.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 14.—The following reunion dates have been forwarded to the Kansas G. A. R. department headquarters: August 10-13, Ellsworth; August 16-21, Cherryvale; August 23-25, national encampment G. A. R., Buffalo, N. Y.; September 6-11, Baxter Springs; September 7-10, Concordia; September 21, Cedarvale.

Negro Students Triumph.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., May 15.—The negro students of one out of the nine public schools of this city won about half of the prizes at the annual field sports yesterday at the fair grounds. The programme consisted of 50 athletic events, which were witnessed by over 2,000 people.

Another New Kansas Railroad.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 14.—The Southwest Kansas Railway Co. was granted a charter to-day. It will construct and operate a railroad from Baxter Springs through Galena to Empire. The capital stock is \$100,000.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Prince Bismarck describes himself as "a bankrupt in nerves." The neuralgic pain in his jaw often makes it difficult for him to open his mouth.

An eccentric old member of the British parliament has tried in vain for 54 years to get a bill passed preventing window cleaners from standing out side the windows.

Mr. Caleb Fall, of the Worcester (Mass.) Spy, is one of the oldest men in journalism. He recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his beginning of newspaper work.

Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, widow of the once famous Pathfinder, is living at Long Beach, Cal., and still keeps up an active interest in the philanthropic work to which much of her life has been devoted.

Thomas G. Bull, whose death at Pottsville, Pa., is announced, was a member of the First Defenders, who first responded to Lincoln's call for troops. When the Defenders reached Washington it was Bull who stepped forward and said to the president: "We are coming, Father Abraham."

Jenny Lind's daughter, Mrs. Raymond Maude, of London, has much of her mother's brilliancy of voice, but has always refused to cultivate it for the stage. "I suppose there was too much music at home," she explained to a friend. Mrs. Maude has three children, none of whom is musical.

J. J. Chase, of Lewiston, Me., a blind veteran of the war and son of Uncle Solon Chase, plays cards, says the New York Times, with remarkable facility and ability, but he uses his own pack of cards, and the edges are notched in a distinguishing way understood only by himself. He is told what cards his competitors play, and chooses his own by running his fingers along the edges.

THE RANGE FIRE.

Watch and see that a clinker is not allowed to form on the linings.

In giving the fire a thorough raking "move all clinkers with the poker."

At night the firebox should be even full of coal after raking out all the lead ashes and cinders and putting on the night's supply.

The ashes should never accumulate in the ashpit until they reach the grate. If this happens often the grate will soon be burned out.

Never use the shaker when it is possible to avoid it; instead use the poker freely, and you will have a brighter fire and use less coal.

Remember that shaking banks the fire down into a solid mass, and as the fire cannot circulate through it the draft will be poor.

When the fire from any cause becomes dull do not stir it over the top; put in wood, but rake out the ashes and put on the drafts.

A Painful Humor

On the Ankle Spread to the Knee and Developed into Boils—No Trouble Since Taking Hood's.

"I was troubled with a disagreeable itching on one of my ankles. In time it developed into boils of which I had five or six at a time. The humor spread from my ankle to my knee and was very painful. It baffled the skill of physicians. For weeks I could not bear my weight on this foot. An abscess formed and was lanced and the humor broke out on my other ankle and threatened to repeat my former experience. Hood's Sarsaparilla attracted my attention and I began taking it. In six weeks I was better, and began to hope for a permanent cure. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla six months and was entirely cured. I have had no trouble with humor since that time." Mrs. M. B. MacIntosh, Barrington, Illinois. Remember

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